

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan

B. ROLL CALL: President Keough

J. Carson

P. Cousins

D. Fisher

J. Semifero

J. Smith

R. Tell

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes - October 12, 2009

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the minutes of October 12, 2009

Unanimous voice vote for approval

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Semifero; support Smith to approve the agenda with the addition of Jon Rush's email as Communications item H-6.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Town Hall Meeting Comments / Article from Wall Street Journal
3. Michigan Municipal League – Elected Officials Academy
4. Comcast Information
5. September Citation Report
6. Jon Rush's email from 10/22/2009

I. REPORTS

1. Finance Director/Treasurer – Marie Sherry
First Quarter Report

President Keough presented Ms. Sherry with the Distinguished Budget Award for the Village of Dexter from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Ms. Sherry submits her report as per packet. In addition Ms. Sherry reported on the following: collection of 91% of Village taxes and that there was an increase in senior deferments and installment payments versus lump sum payments; the annual audit is scheduled to begin on Wednesday; anticipate a 9-11% decrease in state revenue sharing; and all taxes will go down .3% next year.

2. Community Development Manager – Allison Bishop – Written Report Only
First Quarter Board and Commission Update
Supplemental Report

Ms. Bishop submits her report as per packet

3. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

Parks & Recreation Commission – Joe Semifero

Mr. Semifero reported on the following: U of M Student Project is ongoing and will get more feedback at the next meeting on signage for Mill Creek Park; a Parks and Recreation Millage/Funding has been put on the shelf for now; Ice Skating Rink would be best served if downtown and more visible and will look to a special groups such as the Hockey Club for assistance; and recommending going forward on the JJR plan for the Mill Creek Park and mention of the permitting from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Western Washtenaw Area Value Express Representative – Jim Carson

Mr. Carson gave a year end update on the Western Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) ridership and reported that WAVE ended the fiscal year in the black. WAVE will be taking over the van service from the Chelsea Retirement Center and will be providing service to the Cedars of Dexter when it opens. Sylvan Township has dropped out of WAVE for 2008-2009 and it was noted that Dexter Township and Webster Township do not participate.

4. Subcommittee Reports - None
5. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. In addition Mrs. Dettling mentioned the following: provided handout on comparing services of Washtenaw County Building Department and Chelsea Area Construction Authority and not comfortable with making a change from the county service;

provided and an example with pedestrian crossing signage to be used on Main Street from The Lighthouse Café to National City and at the Dairy Queen; the fire station grant is now in round 2; and Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant could allow the Village to retrofit the street lights to LED. Mr. Carson mentioned the Annual Michigan Bridge Conference in March and that they are looking for municipalities who have done an interesting bridge project to present.

6. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough mentioned the meeting with Lew Kidder regarding the Scio Road Millage to collect a millage to take care of the township roads and will be meeting again; will have a recommendation for applicants to the Parks & Recreation Commission; announced that the next Regional Fire Meeting will be November 18 at 3:30 pm at the Dexter Library; and answered a question regarding the submission to the State Boundary Commission.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$126,247.46

Motion Fisher; support Carson to approve item 1 of the consent agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

At 9:06 pm a recess was taken and the meeting re-convened at 9:12 pm.

Motion Smith; support Semifero to suspend the rules to hear from County Commissioner Mark Ouimet on the County Budget

Unanimous voice vote for approval.

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Facilities
 - a) Information from Cornerstone Design

Rich Henes of Cornerstone Design presented an update on the Elevator Tower / Stairs / Restrooms.

Motion Carson; support Tell to set aside facility discussion for six months and place the remaining bond money in to arbitrage to make payments on the bond.

Motion Semifero; support Smith to postpone this time for the purpose of adding add item L-4, Closed Session for the purchase of property and postpone previous motion until after the closed session.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero and Keough

Nays: Tell and Carson
Motion carries 5 to 2

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing for November 23, 2009 to consider the creation of an Industrial Development District at 7300 Huron River Drive

Motion Semifero; support Carson to set a Public Hearing for November 23, 2009 to consider the request to create an Industrial Development District at 7300 Huron River Drive.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

2. Consideration of: 2009 / 2010 Budget Amendments

Motion Semifero; support Cousins to authorize budget amendments for the fiscal year of 2009 / 2010.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Estoppel Certificate – Cedars of Dexter

Motion Cousins; support Smith to execute an Estoppel Certificate for the Cedar's of Dexter Project.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

4. Consideration of: Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss the purchase of property in accordance with MCL 15.268 (8d)

Motion Fisher; support Semifero to move into closed session at 11:26 pm to discuss the purchase of property.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

Motion Fisher; support Smith to move out of closed session at 12:00 am.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

Motion Semifero; support Fisher to proceed as discussed in the closed session regarding the purchase of property.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Fisher and Cousins

Nays: Carson and Keough

Motion carries 5 to 2

Motion Carson; support Tell to set aside facility discussion for six months and place the remaining bond money in to arbitrage to make payments on the bond.
(From K-1)

Ayes: None

Nays: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough

Motion fails

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Fisher; support Cousins to adjourn at 12:06 am.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: November 9, 2009